
HOUSE BILL 1888

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1 AN ACT Relating to hospital assessments for data collection; and
2 amending RCW 70.170.080.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.170.080 and 1993 sp.s. c 24 s 925 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 The basic expenses for the hospital data collection and reporting
7 activities of this chapter shall be financed by an assessment against
8 hospitals of no more than four one-hundredths of one percent of each
9 hospital's gross operating costs, to be levied and collected from and
10 after that date, upon which the similar assessment levied under chapter
11 70.39 RCW is terminated, for the provision of hospital services for its
12 last fiscal year ending on or before June 30th of the preceding
13 calendar year, which assessment shall terminate as of the end of the
14 fiscal year ending on June 30, 1995. Budgetary requirements in excess
15 of that limit through the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1995, and in
16 their entirety thereafter, must be financed by ~~((a general fund))~~ an
17 appropriation by the legislature from the general fund or the health
18 services account, or both. All moneys collected under this section
19 shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the hospital data

1 collection account which is hereby created in the state treasury. The
2 department may also charge, receive, and dispense funds or authorize
3 any contractor or outside sponsor to charge for and reimburse the costs
4 associated with special studies as specified in RCW 70.170.050.

5 During the 1993-1995 fiscal biennium, moneys in the hospital data
6 collection account may be expended, pursuant to appropriation, for
7 hospital data analysis and the administration of the health information
8 program.

9 Any amounts raised by the collection of assessments from hospitals
10 provided for in this section which are not required to meet
11 appropriations in the budget act for the current fiscal year shall be
12 available to the department in succeeding years.

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